Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) Letter #591

February 22, 2006

Subject	**2006 TUBERCULOSIS (TB) INCOME STANDARD AND RELATED ISSUES**
Effective Date	January 1, 2006
Reference	ACWDL 06-01
Purpose	The purpose of this letter is to: • provide the 2006 TB Income Standard, and • update MPG Appendix B with the changes from the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) released in Special Notice 05-13.
Background	The TB Program's income standards are increased effective January of each year.
Changes	The 2006 TB Income Standard is $1,291.
Required Action	Effective January 1, 2006, any determinations/redeterminations for eligibility to the TB Program must use the revised income standard. An ad hoc was run on January 27, 2006 to identify any cases that had been denied in January 2006 or discontinued effective December 31, 2005 or January 31, 2006. The ad hocs will be forwarded to the appropriate Family Resource Centers during the week of February 21, 2006. These cases must be reviewed to determine if the income is below the new standard and eligibility re-established, if otherwise eligible.
Automation Impact	None.
Forms Impact	None.

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Quality Assurance Impact

Effective with the April 2006 review month, Quality Assurance will cite with the appropriate error any case which does not follow the requirements of this letter.

Summary of Change

The table below shows the changes made in the Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG).

Section	Changes
Article 11, Section 1	Updated Appendix B with the revised standards.

Filing Instructions

The table below shows how to file the MPG material.

Action	Pages
Remove	MPG 11-1-A through 11-1-B
Replace	MPG 11-1-A through 11-1-B

Important Notice

The MPG is available in its entirety on the County Intranet by accessing http://hhsa_intranet/manuals/mpg/index.html. The MPG revisions listed in this letter will be entered into the Intranet MPG at the next update.

Manager Approval

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